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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for remotely storing data, comprising:
        opening a first data item in an application on a
5   first client device;
        in response to an action from a user, storing at
least a portion of the first data item in a predetermined
storage location on the first client device; and
        in response to a synchronization condition,
10   automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined
location with a remote storage location.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
        adding a remote save button to an interface of the
application.

15   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the action comprises
selection of the remote save button.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined
storage location comprises a predetermined directory or
folder.

20   5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
        loading a set of preferences for a user.

6.   The method of claim 5, wherein the step of storing
comprises storing the at least a portion of the first
data item based on the set of preferences.

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7.   The method of claim 5, wherein the remote storage location is identified in the set of preferences.

8.   The method of claim 5, wherein the set of preferences is one of a plurality of sets of preferences

5   in a multi-user environment.

9,   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
         identifying a selected portion of the first data item,
         wherein the step of storing comprises creating a

10   second data item comprising the selected portion, and storing the second data item in the predetermined storage location.

10.   The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronization condition comprises selection of a synchronization

15   button.

11.   The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronization condition comprises expiration of predetermined time period.

12.   The method of claim 1, wherein the remote storage

20   location comprises a server device.

13.   The method of 12, wherein the server device comprises one of a network file server and a Web server.

14.   The method of claim 12, further comprising:
         requesting, at a second client device, access to the

25   server device; and

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        in response to receiving permission from the server
        device, accessing, at the second client device, data
        items stored in the remote storage location.

        15.   The method of claim 14, wherein the step of
5   requesting access to the server device comprises sending
        authentication information from the second client device
        to the server device.

        16.   The method of claim 15, wherein the authentication
        information comprises a username and a password.

10   17.   An apparatus for remotely storing data, comprising:
              means for opening a first data item in an
        application on a first client device;
              means for storing at least a portion of the first
        data item in a predetermined storage location on the
15   first client device in response to an action from a user;
        and
              means for automatically synchronizing contents of
        the predetermined location with a remote storage location
        in response to a synchronization condition.

20   18.   The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the remote
        storage location comprises a server device.

        19.   The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
              means for requesting, at a second client device,
        access to the server device; and
25   means for accessing, at the second client device,
        data items stored in the remote storage location in
        response to receiving permission from the server device.

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20.   A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for remotely storing data, comprising:

instructions for opening a first data item in an application on a first client device;

5   instructions for storing at least a portion of the first data item in a predetermined storage location on the first client device in response to an action from a user; and

instructions for automatically synchronizing

10   contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location in response to a synchronization condition.